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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Senior Reclamation Specialist *HWS*

RE: Site Inspection, Saguaro Mining, Tucson #4 and Surprise #6 Mine,  
S/037/073 and S/037/074, San Juan County, Utah

Date of Inspection: July 16, 1993  
Time of Inspection: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Conditions: Hot, sunny  
Participants: Sal Venticinque, BLM; and Holland Shepherd, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To evaluate current status of gold mine sites.

Sal Venticinque of the BLM and I visited two of the sites associated with the Saguaro Mining Venture in San Juan County. The mines consist of shallow open pit excavations. Both sites disturb no more than about .1 to .2 acres.

The operator has dug shallow pits, approximately 2-3 feet in depth, about 10 feet wide and about 30-40 feet long. This material has been hauled back to the Saguaro mining and mill, which is located at LaSal Junction.

No serious amount of disturbance has been created at either one of these sites. The mining and reclamation will be fairly straight forward once the operator decides to stop mining.

The mine operator hopes to find enough gold values through a secret extraction process to make this mining venture worthwhile. The gold, if any, would be found in the microscopic state, and would have to be extracted via some kind of chemical means.

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S037073 and S037074

*bcc: Sal Venticinque*

